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Ex parte GIANPIERO SANTACATTERINA, MATTEO SANTINATO,
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Appeal 2007-2385
Application 10/757,891
Technology Center 2100

Decided: February 28, 2008

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

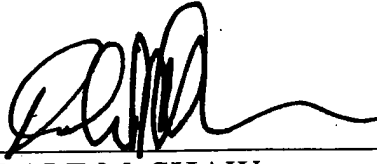
On January 10, 2008, counsel for Appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the Appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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